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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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C12P21/02

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1-26, 28, 29 (completely), 27 (partially)

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1. claims: 1-26,28,29 (completely), 27 (partially)

Methods of producing a target protein using nucleic acids which encode a chimaeric protein comprising a signal peptide from a non-mammalian bulk-secreted protein and said target protein; a nucleic acid encoding said chimaeric protein; a vector comprising said nucleic acid; a host cell comprising said nucleic acid or said vector; a method of obtaining a target protein using said host cells; a kit comprising said vector and said cell.

2. claim: 27 (partially)

A method of producing a target protein using nucleic acids which encode a chimaeric protein comprising a signal peptide from a mammalian bulk-secreted protein and said target protein.

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